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I would like to register my opposition to the proposal of the FCC for an increase in the Marine VHF radio license. At one time the renewal was free then jumped to \$35.00. This was a fair price. But now I understand the cost may triple. This may cause many boaters to stop using their VHF radios and that would be a safety disaster.

This past summer I was able to help several boaters in distress by hearing their calls over the radio. On two occasions, with the use of my Ioran, I was able to direct the Coast Guard on the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.

If pleasure boat owners, most who are struggling to cover costs of operating, are forced to incur another expense radio operators then may choose to drop their radio licenses and this would decrease the number of ear listeners for distress calls.

Incidentally, you might like to know the federal government increased the fuel tax by twenty cents a gallon. *(only on pleasure boats)*

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Stephen J. Palkovic*  
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Office of Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554

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MAR 11, 1994

Mr. Secretary:

I received your Marine Ship Station Regulatory Fees information sheet and I am left in a quandary. To partially quote the sheet: "---the Commission plans to collect the regulatory fee for the full 10 year license term at the same time---". At the present time the license term for a marine band VHF radio is 5 years, or am I mistaken? If not, is the term changing as well? Does this mean a new or renewal will cost \$70 processing, plus \$70 regulatory for a total of \$140? If all that is true the fees cost more than the radio. You will no doubt find many VHF marine radio users will not be acquiring licenses or they will not be using radios; in that event boating safety will be seriously affected. I hope our bureaucratic system has not failed to recognize these facts.

Respectfully

*Robert V. Reynolds*  
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(Private Citizen)

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Sen. Ernest Hollings, Chairman  
Senate Commerce Committee  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hollings,

It has been brought to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is about to more than **triple** of the cost of obtaining a VHF radio license to the recreational boating public from the current \$35 to \$110. This action is very poorly conceived and is **opposed** by all recreational boating associations and the U. S. Coast Guard for very good reasons. Primarily the cost of the license (which is higher than the cost of many of the radios on the market) would **prevent** many recreational boaters from purchasing and using this valuable piece of **safety** equipment. The result unless this proposal is reversed will be **more loss of life and increased cost to the Coast Guard** for unnecessary search and rescue. I cannot believe that our Congress intended for this to take place. It is obviously different for the commercial users who profit financially from their boating as opposed to the recreational boater. The truth is that the recreational boater should be **exempt** from all fees and **encouraged** to equip their boat with this piece of safety gear.

I know that you are a busy man but please just take a moment to imagine just one scenario that **will** often take place in the future. Imagine for a moment a family takes a fishing trip a short distance off shore enjoying good weather and having the kind of recreation that we encourage families to have. The boat's water pump fails as the day draws to an end the journey home is to begin. Night is about to come and the weather is beginning to deteriorate as a front approaches. What happens now? If the boat is equipped with a VHF license, they can simply call for assistance from a fellow boater, commercial tow or Coast Guard. Everyone concerned will know all of the information necessary as relayed by radio, and cost efficient help sent immediately. If the boat is **not** equipped with a radio just imagine what will happen. No one will know for many hours that there is a family in a disabled boat drifting at sea at night in

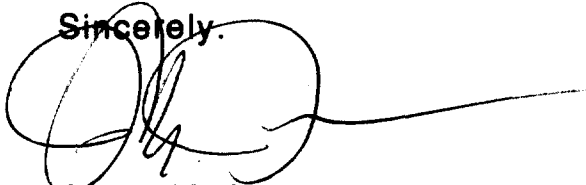
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deteriorating weather conditions. **When** they are finally reported missing by family or friends, they will have drifted many miles and it will be necessary for the U. S. Coast Guard to conduct an expensive and possibly dangerous air and sea search. This scenario is not far fetched at all. If you ask the Coast Guard, I believe they will confirm that this is a common occurrence that happens thousands of times a year.

I have written the FCC several times voicing my sincere concern for this legislation; however, I do not feel that they understand the nature of the marine environment and how valuable this piece of safety gear would be in such an emergency. When you think about it, would it make sense to tax life preservers? Obviously not, so let us not make this mistake in effect with VHF radios. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James M. Jones', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

James M. Jones  
1255 Twin Pine Run  
Oviedo, Fl 32765

cc: Boat U. S.  
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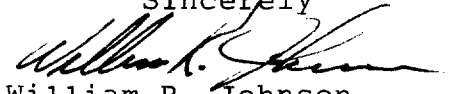
As a member of the boating public, and one who is involved in the training of boating safety, I strongly urge you to reconsider increasing the fee for a VHF Marine Radio License.

A VHF-FM Radio, is the only life line that boaters have in case of an emergency at Sea. You have not targeted CB, Ham Radio, or any other operator of a transmitter, including Cellular Phone or Radio or TV Stations.

We the undersigned boaters feel that the Federal Government only wants to attack the boating public everytime they want to raise revenue. Starting with the imposing of the Luxury Tax on boats, then came the Boat User Fee ( Which not one cent of the monies raised went towards anything to do with boating or boating safety ), then the latest attack on the boating public, was the imposing of the Federal Tax on diesel fuel for Boaters. And now the latest attack on the boating public by the Federal Government, you want to force people to commit an illegal act, and operate a VHF -FM Radio without a license by doubleing the fees. Five years ago this license was free, and when it was seen that the boating public had increased their use of the VHF radio, a 5 year \$35.00 fee was imposed for this license. No one liked this fee, but had accepted it under protest, since it had been free. To date a CB license is still free since the fee had been repealed years ago, and there is more CB being used in the U.S. than VHF Radio. Now you want to attack the boating public again, and double the fee. This will greatly hurt the boating public who use this media as a life saving tool when out on the water.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this matter, and Do Not increase the fee for a VHF-FM License one cent. I'am submitting this petition of protest signed by the boating public, for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

  
William R. Johnson  
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Secretary  
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Dear Sir:

It has been brought to our attention that you are considering a hike in marine radio license fees.

Marine radio has been proven to be a very effective means of communication in emergencies requiring rescue or assistance to prevent a problem from becoming a real emergency.

A hike in license fees would only serve to discourage installing radio equipment on pleasure craft causing a decrease in safety communications capabilities.

If anything fees should be reduced rather than increased in the interest of safety and rescue.

Sincerely,

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